Flights operated from trivandrum Airport

1303. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many national and international flights are operating from the Trivandrum Airport, at present;

(b) how many fire fighting vehicles are there at Trivandrum Airport and how many among them are operational at present;

(c) what fire fighting facilities and other safety precautions are there at the Trivandrum Airport which operate so many flights;

(d) how many technical staff including engineers are there at the Trivandrum Airport to maintain various equipment which assist pilots in safe landing of aircrafts; and

(e) whether Government would review the present state of affairs at the Trivandrum Airport?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) 15 domestic flights and 24 international flights per week are operating from Trivandrum airport.

(b) and (c) There are 7 fire fighting vehicles out of which 5 are operational. Other fire fighting and allied equipment available are as under:—

1. Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus . . .	2
2. Close Proximity Suits .	6
3. Rescue Tools . . .	1 set
4. Ambulance . . .	1
5. Dry Chemical Powder Tender	1

(d) As many as 170 officers of different grades are there at Trivandrum airport.

(e) The requirement of equipment and staff is reviewed as and when there is a change in type of operation and watch hours.

Setting up of a separate directorate to Monitor navigational aids

1304. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a separate directorate to exclusively monitor navigational and landing aids at airports in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation is contemplating to set up a Directorate responsible for the licensing of aerodromes and air traffic control personnel. There is, however, no proposal to set up a separate Directorate exclusively for monitoring navigational and landing aids at airports in the country.

Magazines supplied in I.A. flights

1305. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state.

(a) which are the weekly and fortnightly magazines supplied to passengers in Executive Class on Indian Airlines flights; and

(b) what are the criteria for the selection of these magazines?